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SUBJECT:SENATE ACTION ON CHILE

1. THE SENATE YESTERDAY PASSED A NEW FOREIGN AID BILL BY A 46 TO 45 MARGIN. THIS MEASURE CONTAINS THE KENNEDY AMENDMENT WHICH HAD SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED BY A 12 TO 0 MARGIN IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARK-UP SESSION TWO WEEKS AGO. AN EFFORT BY SENATOR MCGEE IN THE MARK-UP SESSION TO REVIVE HIS PREVIOUS COMPROMISE AMENDMENT (DOLS 65 MILLION OVERALL CEILING ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY, WITH NO MORE THAN DOLS 10 MILLION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE) FAILED, OPENING THE DOOR FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE KENNEDY LANGUAGE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE BY SENATOR HUMPHREY, THE CHIEF ARCHITECT AND FLOOR MANAGER OF THE NEW AID BILL. IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PRINT ACCOMPANYING THE BILL, THE CHILE SECTION CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATORY SENTENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE ACTION ON CHILE, QUOTE THESE REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHILE ARE AN EXPRESSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S CONCERN ABOUT

THE CONTINUING DISREGARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN CHILE. END QUOTE.

2. A FLOOR VOTE IN THE HOUSE ON THE AID BILL IS EXPECTED
SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. HOUSE VERSION CONTAINS HARRINGTON-
BUCHANAN-WHALEN AMENDMENT ON CHILE (CF. STATE 228359).
PROSPECTS FOR A FAVORABLE HOUSE VOTE ARE UNCERTAIN. IN THE

EVENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE, THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION
APPROACH WILL AGAIN BE PURSUED. AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUING
RESOLUTION ROUTE REQUIRES PASSAGE IN ONE HOUSE OF CONGRESS,
AND THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY YESTERDAY'S FAVORABLE
SENATE VOTE. SHOULD THE HOUSE VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY ON AID
BILL, SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE
WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, AT WHICH TIME CONFEREES WOULD HAVE
TO CHOOSE BETWEEN OR COMPROMISE ON HARRINGTON-BUCHANAN-
WHALEN AND KENNEDY VERSION OF AMENDMENT. OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN.

3. TEXT OF KENNEDY AMENDMENT FOLLOWS:

SECTION 19. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW,
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR CHILE UNDER THIS OR ANY OTHER LAW DURING FY-1975 MAY
NOT EXCEED DOLS 55,000,000, NONE OF WHICH MAY BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MILITARY
ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE,
SALES, CREDIT SALES, OR GUARANTIES OR THE FURNISHING BY
ANY MEANS OF EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES OR ITEMS FROM STOCK-
PILES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE).

4. COMMENT ON EXACT SCOPE OF KENNEDY AMENDMENT WILL FOLLOW.
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